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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 3 of the specification with the following paragraph:

*Sub B*  
~~The most commonly used cell transmigration assay is a modified "Boyden chamber" assay such as described in US Patent Specification No. 5578492 (Fedun et al). This involves assessing the crossing of a quantity of cells through a~~